

GOVERNOR URGES MOVE TO GET DEBT CASE REHEARING

Declares State Will Practically Live Up to Every Obligation.

TELLS OF CHILTON'S BILL

Retiring Senator Says He Is Sure It Will Be Passed.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 20.—The message of Governor Hatfield on the Virginia debt, promised in his general message submitted at the beginning of the session, was yesterday sent to the two houses of the Legislature. The message for 18 pages reviews the history of the debt case, recites the credits which were allowed through the energies of the present West Virginia administration and Virginia commission, and then says: "The narrow limits that have been imposed leave few alternatives. To decline to pay the debt means repudiation, and this course I do not believe West Virginians are willing to adopt. I feel justified in saying that our citizens will be willing to assume any equitable and reasonable amount that their ability to pay will permit, for the sake of the constitution under which we live, for the sake of the Union of which we are a part, and for the high regard in which they hold the highest tribunal of the land, regardless of the unfairness of the embarrassing position which it has always been our state's misfortune to occupy in the public debt controversy."

"I am confident that West Virginians are willing to pay when Virginia and her bondholders concede to West Virginia the proper credits to which she is entitled, which include the liquidation of all joint assets and their proper apportionment in the way of credits."

Governor Hatfield then recites that "immediate provision for the payment of this debt, without discount or further controversy of West Virginia, involves serious questions of ways and means." He states that there is no present fund for the payment and says further: "A direct levy would be onerous, if permissible; that therefore, he turns" at once to a bond issue, one only method left, and that the question has been raised as to whether bonds could be issued under the constitution, or "whether the present Legislature has the right to act under the authority of the old constitution, or whether any acts on its part regarding the issue of bonds would be constitutional under the constitution of 1872, and whether Section 4 of Article X. of the constitution gives the Legislature power to authorize the issuance of bonds in the absence of a vote of the people."

"The Legislature," says Governor Hatfield, "must meet the responsibility of determining what the future course of the state should be in this important matter." Then follows long correspondence in relation to the case and long letters which passed between Governor Hatfield and United States Senator William E. Chilton regarding the pressing of West Virginia's claim for damages on the Northwest Territory issue as presented in the United States Senate by Chilton.

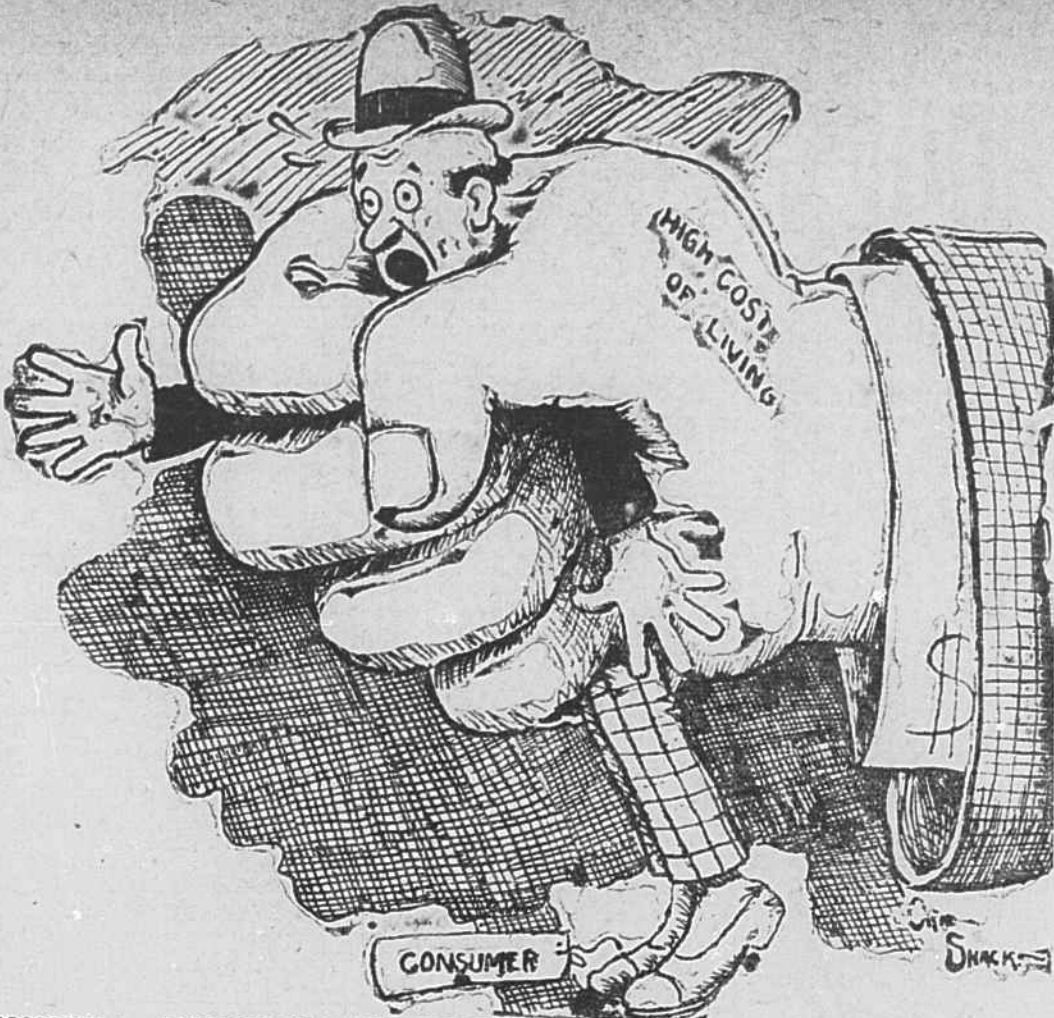
In a letter of September 9, 1914, written by Chilton to the governor, the senator says: "I consider it my duty to write you concerning the status of West Virginia's claim against the United States and its relations to the debt suit. In a matter where the best interests of our state is concerned I have no politics. It will do no good to discuss now the right or power of the court to compel the state to pay this judgment. While the lawyers are arguing this question it seems to me that the friends of the state who are charged with responsibility in the premises should be working upon the practical way to what statesmanship would seem to dictate."

Chilton's letter then recites his efforts to have hearings on this state's claim in Senate committee. "When I introduced the bill and made my first speech in the Senate on the question I was joked for my supposed impudence." He pictures his efforts, continuing: "At one time Senator Sutherland objected, at another Senator Brandegee, and so on. I know from personal interviews with senators that I have a large majority in the Senate for it. Every Democratic senator will vote for it except possibly Senator Culverson, and senators Lodge, Gallinger, Sterling and others have told me they favor the bill."

"Its failure to pass at the present session does not cause it to fail, because when Congress meets in December it will still have its place on the calendar with a favorable report. I have talked about this matter to other members of the Judiciary committee of the House, notably Chairman Webb and Congressman Neely (representing the First West Virginia district), and it is so clearly a states rights bill and a matter of simple justice to all the states that these two members feel some confidence in their ability to pass it in the House. My reason for wanting jurisdiction in the Supreme Court is to conserve time and to get the advantage of having the suit threshed out in a court of full power."

Senator Chilton then goes on to say that in the campaign for his re-election, then on, he would present the case and his efforts before West Virginians. Chilton was defeated at the polls for this re-election in November by Congressman Edward Sutherland, so that the fate of his bill to reimburse West Virginia to the amount of some \$15,000,000 for northwest territory claims is now a matter of how much he can do in the present session

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of Congress, unless this bill is taken up by his successor or some other. Senator Chilton's letter concludes: "I have no doubt but that in the end my bill will be passed by Congress. I have the votes to pass it when that is the whole question for consideration. I am speaking now of the Senate. * * * It would be a short case if the Supreme Court had jurisdiction. * * * I could not have any personal interest in this, because my position as a United States senator would make it improper for me to represent the state in the suit. * * * The great trouble about our claim is that a very few of our people have acquainted with its merits. A great many of our people have the general idea that it is an old claim and had been buried under the dust so long that it could not have much merit. A great many others dismiss it with the idea that I have been simply playing politics."

Governor Hatfield's message concludes: West Virginia is one of the states of this Union. She was admitted into the Union during the Civil war. She was recognized as a child of the war whose admission was much desired by the United States because of her geographical position. * * * There is no use to warn the people of West Virginia against any spirit of opposition or rebellion to constituted authority. This state is in the Union to stay, and we will patriotically live up to every obligation demanded by the Constitution. * * * The Supreme Court has decided that we owe an immense sum of money for interest. This looks to us like a most burdensome charge, and we feel sure that great court will listen to any reasonable plea which the state may make looking to a review of that question, and I would, therefore, recommend to the Legislature that we respectfully but earnestly present to the court a petition for a rehearing of the matter upon your consideration, with the sincere hope that some suggestion will be forthcoming that will result in the protection of the interests of our state in this litigation and bringing about a consideration of further equities which West Virginia is entitled to receive, and after the proper equities have been conceded to the state, the prompt liquidation of the residue, if any there be."

Now Five Cases of Typhoid in the City

In a tentative diagnoses of the illness of Hazel Phillips, aged 11 years, of the north end of Washington street, it is given as typhoid fever. This brings the number of typhoid cases reported to the Board of Health up to five within the past few days.

The case on Washington street has no connection with the cases confined to the southern section of the city.

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Town Talk

Hospital Directors—Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a meeting of the directors of Cook hospital in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the same place the annual hospital meeting will be held. At this latter meeting there will be an election of directors.

Greatest Fairmont Meeting—Today a call went out for a meeting of the directors of the Greater Fairmont Investment company to be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on the second floor of the Watson building.

Free Methodists—The congregation of Free Methodists who had been worshipping in the Baptist mission on Tenth street have now secured quarters of their own at 311 Merchant street. There will be preaching there tomorrow evening at 11 o'clock. Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock and there will be services in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. R. W. Weston is the pastor.

Goodman a Director—In the current issue of the Sanatorium the organ of the society, there is printed a picture of Simon D. Goodman, of this city, who is a national director of the Jewish Consumptive Relief society which has its headquarters in Denver.

Spoke at Meetings—Mrs. H. G. Stoetzer who is the guest of relatives in Morgantown and Mrs. Marian Brooks also of this city, spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Louisa Lowrie Missionary society of the Morgantown Presbyterian church held yesterday at the home of Mrs. F. L. Emory.

Home Economics—The Home Economics department of the Woman's club will hold its regular meeting on Monday afternoon at the Watson hotel apartments at 2:30 o'clock instead of at the usual hour, 5 o'clock in order that the department may visit a movie picture "Old Ways and New" by the Plimpton Epic Picture company, put on for the department. The program for the meeting is as follows: The House Wife, A Real Business Woman, Mrs. O. G. Wilson; Her Main Office, Mrs. W. D. Straight; Branch Offices, Mrs. Richard Hall; Roll Call, Hints to the Housewife; Demonstration, Leftovers. Hostesses, Mrs. Charles Pilson, Mrs. Alex. Odbert.

Noble Holding His Own—The condition of E. D. Noble, a helper at the Fairmont Machinery company, who was seriously injured yesterday when his left arm was crushed so badly in some machinery that amputation was necessary, is satisfactory today according to information from Hospital No. 3 where he is a patient. The arm was removed close to the shoulder joint.

Central Church C. E.—The Christian Endeavor society of the Central Christian church will present an "Officers

Program" tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the church. The meeting will be led by Bob Furman and is planned to be of great interest to the young folks of the city.

Farmers' Meeting—An enthusiastic farmers' meeting was held in the Mountaintop school house last night, the meeting being addressed by County Agricultural Agent H. L. Smith and very well attended by the farmers of that part of Fairmont independent district.

Intermediate Court—The Intermediate docket is now ready for trial and Monday morning will see the first jury trial of the January term of Intermediate court before Judge Vincent. The arrangement of the docket is believed to make possible the hearing of a majority of the cases on its pages before the adjournment of the present term.

Evangelist at Court House—Quite a little knot of persons assembled at the court house at noon today to hear the fifteen minutes sermon by Reverend Frank Jackson, the evangelist, now holding services in the city. In the crowd were dozens of persons who were attracted from the street.

LAND BANK MEETING AT COURT HOUSE

Steps are Taken to Organize An Association for Marion County.

Steps were taken toward the organization of a branch of the Federal Farm Loan Association at a meeting of farmers in the office of County Agricultural Agent Smith at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The association will be a local one and will be an integral part of the great national system designed to allow farmers to borrow from the national government upon first mortgage security.

Each association is in itself a small bank, with the full complement of officers and conducted along the same general lines as a bank. Each farmer wishing to borrow money from the bank has his land appraised by a board of appraisers from the association, and after their estimate is approved by a government expert, half the estimated value is lent the farmer on a first mortgage.

None but farmers or prospective farmers can borrow money from these land banks and the money so secured must be used in farm development. The meeting this afternoon followed a meeting several weeks ago at which Richard M. Manley was selected chairman and J. Gordon B. Grimes secretary. Before the land bank can be officially recognized, blanks must be secured from the government and filled in by the prospective members, together with several minor routine details.

POLICEMAN PITZER WAS BURIED TODAY

Services Were Held Last Night, Body Taken to Rymer Today.

The body of C. S. Pitzer whose death occurred on Wednesday was laid at rest today in the cemetery at Rymer. Funeral services were held last evening at the residence on Fifth street conducted by Rev. W. J. Eddy of the First Baptist church. A quartet composed of the Misses Mabel Toothman, Ethel Toothman, Robert Smith and Arnold Mason sang several selections. The services were attended by a large number of people and there were many beautiful floral offerings. The body was taken to Rymer on the 9 o'clock car this morning and interment was made on arrival. Delegation from the local lodge I. O. O. F. accompanied the body to Rymer and it was escorted to the car by Odd Fellows in uniform and the entire police force.

UNDINE PROVED ARTISTIC SUCCESS

Cast of 35 Voices Sang Markham Poem at High School.

"Undine" a lyric tone poem by Edward Markham and Harriett Ware, was presented by the Music department of the Woman's club last evening at an evening session of the club at the High school auditorium. A cast of 35 voices presented the production assisted by Mrs. Myrtle Shaw Waddell, soprano, and LaMar C. Satterfield, tenor.

Proceeding the opening numbers of the cantata, Miss Ethel Horseman gave a descriptive reading of "Undine" which added to the interest of the audience not familiar with the story. The solo work was of a difficult nature and was handled with ease by the soloists Mrs. Waddell and Mr. Satterfield, and the chorus work was excellent. It was a decided success and reflects much credit on the music department which under the efficient directorship of Mrs. Minor Dunham has been a live factor in the work of the club this year. Mrs. Waddell personally directed the production of Undine.

The personnel of the chorus is as follows: First soprano—Mrs. Bruce Bailey; Mattie Bentel, Neva Curry, Mrs. W. H. Crane, Mrs. Earl Dancer, Mrs. C. C. Denham, Mrs. Minor Dun-

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Mrs. Emily Hall is Dead at Morgantown

Mrs. Emily Hall, aged 66, widow of James Hall, a former resident of Fairmont, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law, Russell Satterfield in Morgantown. She had been ill of pneumonia for two weeks. The body will be brought to this city tomorrow and funeral services will be held from Diamond St. M. E. church, interment will be made in Maple Grove cemetery. The services at the church will be at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Hall is survived by two brothers.

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